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Committees: Education (Vice Chair); Family Law, Criminal Law, and Corrections; Finance; Government Operations; Michigan Capitol Committee; Select Committee on Export Trade

Biography: Democrat, of Lansing; B.A. (1972) Honors College, and M.S.W. (1975), Michigan State University; Distinguished Alumni Award, 1987; John F. Kennedy School of Government Legislative Leadership Program, Harvard University, 1988; lifetime Michiganian - resides in Lansing with her children Todd and Michelle; United Methodist; Ingham County Commissioner, 1975-78, chairperson 1977-78; state representative, 1979-90; first woman to serve as Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 1984, and to preside over the Michigan House of Representatives as Assistant Associate Speaker Pro Tem, 1987; nationally recognized expert in the areas of family law and small business and economic development—sponsor of the Michigan Children's Trust Fund for the Prevention of Child Abuse, nationally recognized reforms to the friend of the court system, the Family Support Subsidy Act, Children's Mental Health Act, Pesticide Control Act reforms, drunk driving reforms, Child Safety Act, and reforms to the foster care system; recipient of over 50 state, local and national awards recognizing her leadership abilities, including the 1986 U.S. Jaycees Outstanding Young American Award; Detroit News Michiganian of the Year, 1982; Commissioner's Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for outstanding contributions to the field of child abuse and neglect, 1989; 1985 Lawmaker of the Year award from the National Child Support Enforcement Administration, and the 1991 Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Athena Award; featured in the April 1977 *Redbook Magazine* as one of ten women "making it happen in Michigan" and in a 1977 government textbook published by Prentice-Hall Publishing; local community leader and sponsor of Michigan's largest statewide fundraiser for child abuse prevention—the Magic Ride bicycle tour; elected to the State Senate in 1990.

